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SUBJECT: EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING SEMINARS

REF: TEHRAN 7802 AND PREVIOUS

1. FOLLOWING IS RESUME OF SEMINAR TOPICS AS PROPOSED BY NAVA:

(A) SEMINAR I -- EDUCATION (MORNINGS OF FIRST AND THIRD DAYS): OPENING CEREMONY AND FILM; INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY EACH PANELIST, HIGHLIGHTING AREAS OF PERSONAL EXPERTISE AND OBJECTIVES OF PRESENTATIONS TO FOLLOW; FILM PRESENTATION OF CURRENT STATE OF THE ART AND TRENDS IN U.S., FROM SIMPLE USES OF PROGRAMMED INSTRUCTION TO MOST SOPHISTICATED USE OF COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA, COMPUTERS, ETC.; TWO-WAY DISCUSSION OF REACTIONS TO POINTS RAISED IN FILM, QUESTIONS FROM FLOOR THROUGH "AUDIENCE PROFILE" TECHNIQUE, Q AND A FORUM DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE CONTINUING POST-CONFERENCE DIALOGUES; MULTI-IMAGE PRESENTATION "THE INNOVATORS -- HELPING LEARNING HAPPEN" (35-MINUTE WIDE-SCREEN DOCUMENTARY OF CASE EXAMPLES IN U.S. SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES).

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(B) SEMINAR II -- TRAINING (MORNINGS OF SECOND AND

FOURTH DAYS): PROGRAM BASICALLY SAME AS
SEMINAR I, WITH SHIFT IN EMPHASIS TO COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA
AND NEW TECHNOLOGY IN TRAINING FIELD; MULTI-MEDIA PRESENTATION DESCRIBING CRITICAL PATH FORMULA FOR INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN
AND RANGE OF MODER TOOLS AVAILABLE TO TRAINERS; TOPICS COVERED
IN Q AND A SESSIONS TO INCLUDE EVALUATION OF OBJECTIVESBASED INSTRUCTION, NEW TRENDS OF SYSTEMS DESIGN, MEDIA
SELECTION, EXPENSIVE PITFALLS TO AVOID IN SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT,
SCIENCE OF TRAINING FACILITIES DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT; AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATION OF
26 CREATIVE IDEAS RANGING FROM EFFECTIVE USE OF MEDIA TO GROUP
DYNAMICS AND TIME MANAGEMENT.

- 2. PROGRAM CAN AND WILL BE MODIFIED AS RESULTS
 OF SUGGESTIONS FROM EDUCATION MINISTRY AND OTHERS CONCERNED
 WITH EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN IRAN AS WELL
 AS IN-DEPTH DISCUSSIONS WITH PROFESSIONALS IN THIS
 COUNTRY WITH RECENT FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE WITH EDUCATIONAL/
 TRAINING PROBLEMS AND CONDITIONS IN IRAN. HOWEVER, TO HELP
 IN DEVELOPING FIRST-RATE PROGRAM GEARED TO INTERESTS AND NEEDS
 OF POTENTIAL AUDIENCE, NAVA ORGANIZERS URGENTLY REQUEST
 SUBSTANTIVE INPUT FROM EMBASSY AND USIS AT EARLY DATE.
- 3. EMBASSY/TC SUGGESTIONS RE MECHANICAL ASPECTS OF SEMINAR ALSO APPRECIATED SOONEST. KISSINGER

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